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SUBJ: UNCTAD - COMMON FUND NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE RULES
OF PROCEDURE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE THIRD
SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING ON THE COMMON FUND TO
DOCUMENT TD/B/IPC/CF/L.10, DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE (COPY
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QUOTE:

RULE 6

FOR THE EXISTING TEXT SUBSTITUTE

1. THE CONFERENCE SHALL ELECT A PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESI-
DENTS AND A RAPPOREUR FROM AMONG THE REPRESENTATIVES. THE
VICE-PRESIDENTS SHALL BE ELECTED AFTER THE ELECTION OF THE
CHAIRMEN OF THE TWO NEGOTIATING GROUPS PROVIDED FOR IN
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RULE 42 BELOW. THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS AND
RAPPOREUR OF THE CONFERENCE, AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE
NEGOTIATING GROUPS, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE BUREAU OF THE
CONFERENCE, WHICH SHALL ASSIST THE PRESIDENT IN THE
GENERAL CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND,
SUBJECT TO THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, SHALL ENSURE
THE CO-ORDINATION OF ITS WORK. IN ELECTING THE MEMBERS

OF THE BUREAU DUE ACCOUNT SHALL BE TAKEN OF THE NEED TO
ENSURE AN EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.

2. THE CONFERENCE MAY ALSO ELECT SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS
IT DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS FUNCTIONS.

RULE 11, LINE 2

FOR BE ELECTED. READ BE ELECTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

RULE 12, LINE 2

DELETE, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN INDEPENDENT PRESIDENT,

CHAPTER III

DELETE THE WHOLE OF CHAPTER III AND RENUMBER THE FOLLOWING
CHAPTERS AND RULE ACCORDINGLY.

RULE 16

PARAGRAPH 1, LINES 1 AND 2: DELETE THE GENERAL DIRECTION AND

PARAGRAPH 2, LINE 4: DELETE PUBLISH THE REPORTS OF THE
PUBLIC MEETINGS;

RULE 17, LINE 2

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RULE 44, LINE 1

AFTER MATTERS INSERT OF PROCEDURE REFERRED TO IN RULE 31,
PARAGRAPH 2,

RULE 45, LINE 1

DELETE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND

RULE 45, LINE 5

REMOVE WORD "TWO", REPLACE WITH BLANK

RULE 46

PARAGRAPH 1, LINE 1: DELETE THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND

PARAGRAPH 2, LINES 3 AND 5: DELETE AND THE GENERAL

COMMITTEE

RULE 52

RULE 52 SHOULD READ

AT THE CLOSE OF ANY PRIVATE MEETING THE BODY CONCERNED MAY
DECIDE TO ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE TO THE PRESS THROUGH THE
PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE 54, PARAGRAPH 1

SUB-PARAGRAPH (C): AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY
AGENCY, INSERT THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT,

SUB-PARAGRAPH (D) SHOULD READ OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES
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HAVING CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH UNCTAD;

UNQUOTE

2. THE FOLLOWING IS AN ADDITIONAL RULE ON ATTENDANCE OF
NGO'S TO THE CONFERENCE. THE FINAL TEXT WAS NOT APPROVED IN
VIEW OF THE BRACKETS REMAINING AROUND THE FINAL SENTENCE.
QUOTE: THE PREPARATORY MEETING RECOMMENDS THAT NON-GOVERN-
MENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVING CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH
UNCTAD AND/OR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WHICH WISH
TO ATTEND THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS SHOULD
INDICATE THEIR INTEREST TO THE SECRETARIAT OF UNCTAD,
AND THAT THE QUESTION OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE CON-
FERENCE SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE CONFERENCE ITSELF
UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUREAU.

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THE PREPARATORY MEETING FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ADMITTED AS OBSERVERS BY DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO ATTEND, WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE OR TO SPEAK, PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE AND, AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN, MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. WRITTEN STATEMENTS BY SUCH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE SECRETARIAT, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, IN THE QUANTITIES AND IN THE LANGUAGES IN WHICH THE STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR DISTRIBUTION. (OBSERVERS FOR SUCH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS MAY MAKE ORAL STATEMENTS ONLY IF SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO BY THE PRESIDENT OR CHAIRMAN, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BODY CONCERNED.)

3. COMMENT: THE PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTIES THAT DEVELOPED WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE WERE:

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(A) THE G-77 AT THE LAST MINUTE WISHED TO ESTABLISH THREE NEGOTIATING GROUPS, PRIMARILY SO THAT THERE COULD BE AN EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF BUREAU POSITIONS BETWEEN THE THREE G-77 REGIONAL SUBGROUPS. THEY SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRAFTING COMMITTEE, TO WHICH GROUP B COULD NOT AGREE. THUS THE NUMBER OF VICE-PRESIDENTS IN RULE 6 AND THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEES IN RULE 45 WERE LEFT BLANK.

(B) LED BY THE AFRICAN GROUP, THE G-77 TOOK A HARD STANCE AGAINST THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE SECRETARIAT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE, INSISTING THAT "UPON REQUEST" BE INCLUDED IN RULE 17, LINE 2. THE SECRETARIAT HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THIS WOULD PRECLUDE THEM FROM EVEN CONVENING THE MEETING. THE CHAIR HAS SUGGESTED THE SUBSTITUTION OF RULE 28 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF

THE TDB.

(C) AGAIN, LED BY THE AFRICAN GROUP, THE G-77 TOOK A STRONG POSITION AGAINST NGO'S ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE, DENYING THEM THE RIGHT TO SPEAK. GROUP B INSISTED ON INCLUSION OF THE BRACKETED LANGUAGE TO PERMIT SUCH NGO-'S AS THE ICC AND THE EUROPEAN JUTE PRODUCERS ASSN TO SPEAK IF REQUIRED. NO RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUE WAS REACHED.

FINAL ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE. THUS THE QUESTION OF THE METHOD OF ACCREDITATION OF DELEGATES UNDER PROPOSED RULE 3 IS ALSO LEFT IN LIMBO. SINCE THIS RULE WAS NOT CONTESTED, IT IS EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS EVENTUALLY WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN CREDENTIALS ISSUED EITHER BY THE CHIEF OF STATE OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER, A NORMAL PRACTICE FOR UN CONFERENCES.CATTO

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